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PARNELL'S BILL REJECTED. A MAJORITY OF EIGHTY-FIVE AGAINST IT. APPARENT IMPOSSIBILITY OF IRISH LEGISLATION

LONDON, March 21 .- The House of Commons to day, by a vote of 328 to 243, refused to order Mr. Parnell's Arrears of Rent bill to a second reading. Mr. Parnell, in moving the second reading, said that he and his followers still had an invincible objection to solving the rent question by general bankruptcy of the tenants. He asked House to empower the court in which proceed ngs are taken because of non-payment of rent to educe the amount of the debt and costs as it ought proper, and to extend the limit of value om £50 to £100, in order to relieve the great body of leasers. He proposed to extend the act of 1887 to civil cases for the recovery of rent. Although he limited the bill to debts for rent, he was willing to extend its provisions so as to emce all cases covered by section 30 of the act of 1887. He proposed to extend the time for redemption to three months after the passage of the present measure, provided the six months allowed by the act of 1887 had expired. Power would also be given to reduce rent and costs where a decree had been recovered prior to the passage of the act.

AN ENDLESS SEA OF DISASTER. The Irish people were now at the end of the

The Irish people were now at the end of the respite which the act of 1887 afforded by providing that notices of eviction shall replace actual ejectment for a term of six months. The effect of that provision was seen in the fact that whereas in the three months ended with September there were 4.195 evictions, in the three months ended with December there were only 550. But in the latter three months 3,352 notices of eviction had been served. What would happen when these and probably 3,000 other notices were carried into effect? Ireland would be plunged into a sea of disaster and trouble, the end of which no one could foresee. The question was a pressing one needing an immediate solution. (Cheers.)

Hitherto, continued Mr. Parnell, the Government's great mistake in dealing with the land question was that they were invariably too late. (Cheers.) Mr. Williams's amendment asked that rent and other debts be dealt with on the same footing. Rent had already been placed upon a different footing from other debts. Since the Devon Commission Parliament had been trying to fetter the action of the landlords, but it had not felt that it was necessary to fetter the action of other oreditors. In no cases, however, had tenants lost their interest in their holdings or the shelter of a roof through the shopkeepers. When distress occurred among the class against which Mr. Williams asked the House to take penal proceedings, the shopkeepers were the only persons who assisted the people by giving them credit. (Cheers.)

If the House plunged the country into bank-ruptcy it would destroy the credit of these poor people. Was the House, the speaker asked, going

people. Was the House, the speaker asked, going to fly in the face of every recommendation given them by every representative of a populous constitution of the property of the principles of the bill, and declared that he would consent to limit its operation to two years. If the bill was relected it would be the best proof of the impossibility of legislating for Ireland from Westminster. It was said that the Irish question was a land question. If it was so, why did not the House take it in hand earnestly and deal with it? The truth was they were unable to settle it because they knew nothing about it. They went to Birmingham for guidance instead of to Cork and Tyrone. If the bill did not endanger the union, why were they afraid of it? He said he could not promise that the settlement of the land question on the most just and generous principles would diminish the demand for the restoration of the Irish Parliament.

Joseph Powell Williams, member for South Birmingham, a Liberal-Unionist, moved his amendment to Mr. Parnell's motion for the second reading of the Arrears of Rent bill. The amendment declares that no bill will be satisfactory unless it deals also with other than debts for rent. He argued that if one creditor was to be compelled to come into court, all creditors should be compelled to do the same thing.

T. W. Russell, member for South Tyrone, a Liberal-Unionist, said that actuated by a strong sense of duty, be intended to vote against the Government and against his own party. He declared

of duty, he intended it vote admiss the ment and against his own party. He declared that the rejection of the bill would result in the repeal of the Union.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that the object of the bill was to illustrate the desirability of Home Rule rather than to secure a material advantage to the people. There was no reason to suppose that any large proportion of the 6.000 notices mentioned by Mr. Paraell would result in evictions.

The House rejected Mr. Paraell's motion—328

In an interview Mr. Parnell said he did not be-dieve that the Government would deal with the arrears question this session unless numerous harsh-victions roused British opinion. Mr. Davitt be-deves that if the Government does anything it will isk a few millions to extend the purchase acts, hereby relieving the landlords at the expense of the taxonyers. the taxpayers.

The Consols Conversion bill passed the committee stage in the House of Commons to-night.

WHAT BOULANGER INTENIS TO DO. WHAT BOULANGER INTENIS TO DO.

Paris, March 21.—The "Dix-Neuvieme Siscie" says
that General Boulanger, irritated at being placed upon
the retired list, has declared that he is no longer
bound by military duties and will associate himself
with the friends of his propaganda. M. Felix Pyat,
who was recently elected to the Chamber of Deputies
by the Socialists of the Department of Bouches-duRhone, refuses to give up his seat in favor of General Boulanger.

heral Boulanger.

"La Liberte" states that the court of inquiry in the Boulanger case will meet on Saturday next, and that it will be impartially constituted. General Boulanger remains at Clermont.

THE EMPEROR MUCH BETTER. Berlin, March 21.—The Emperor received visitors at dinner yesterday for the first time since his return to Berlin. He passed a good night and feels much

stronger.

The Empress will hold a mourning reception at Charlottenburg, on Saturday.

Prince Bismarck visited the Crown Prince at hoon to-day, and was received by the Emperor in the after-

BRITISH MISSION TO THE PORTE. London, March 21.—A son of Lord Salisbury has been in Constantinopie incognito one week and has seen received in audience by the Sultan. It is unnored that he is on a mission from the British levernment to the Porte.

THE QUEEN STARTS FOR ITALY. London, March 21.—The Queen left Windsor to-day Portsmouth, on route to Italy. Her Majesty was companied by Prince and Princess Henry of Batten-re. The court remains abroad three weeks. The neen travels incognite as the Countess of Balmoral.

VERACITY WINS THE LANCOLNSHIRE.

London, March 21.—At the Lincoln Spring Meeting to-day the Lincolnshire Handleap of \$5,000 was won by W. J. Legh's four-year old bay colt, Veracity, with W. Younger's five-year-old chestnut horse Tyrone accound, and T. Spence's six-year-old chestnut gelding.

Lobster, third. There were twenty-five starters.

The last betting was 50 to 1 against Veracity, 38 to 1 against Tyrone, and 25 to 1 against Lobster. Veracity won by half a length. Time, 1:42 2-5.

St. John's, N. F., March 21.—Fifteen thousand seals re reputed taken on Partridge Island. Men and romen are taking them. Father Sheehan has capured forty. It is cetimated that Green Bay is good or 60,000. Nothing has been heard from the sealing

LORD LONDONDERRY GETS THE GARTER London, March 21.—The vacant Knighthood of the ster has been conferred upon the Marquis of Lon-darry, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

SALISBURY'S SECRETARY A COMMONER. London, March 21.—The Marquis of Granby (Con-vative) has been elected to Parliament without position for the Melton Division of Leicester-ire, to succeed his father, Lord John Manners, who sended to the prerage on the death of his brother, Duke of Rutland.

TO STOCK ONEW MOUNTAIN WITH DABR. Sportsmen's Association, which is composed of the Pittsburgers, is considering the proposition Colorado man to sell one hundred deer, now in Italy. A large aumber of elk mill be missed on

A SPANISH THEATRE HORROR.

FIRE AND PANIC AND GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

-WHOLE FAMILIES SUFFOCATED. OPORTO, March 21 .- While a performance was in progress at the Banquet Theatre last night an ex-plosion of gas occurred, and the theatre took fire and was destroyed. The house was full of specodles in all have been taken from the ruins. Most of those burned were in the third-tier boxes and galleries, where whole families were suffocated. There was a terrific struggle at the doors when the spectators tried to escape. Large numbers were suffocated and trampled upon. Many on reaching the street were so seriously injured that they

Nearly all the victims were spectators. The tors escaped in their theatrical costumes. Many in the theatre, finding themselves unable to reach the doors, jumped from the windows. Some corpses were found in the stage boxes. The gas was extinguished shortly after the fire broke out, thus adding to the confusion.

TAUNTING THE NEW ENGINEERS.

CHICAGO YARDS FULL OF SHRILL NOISE OW THE STRIKERS ARE PAID-LOOKING UP THE RECORDS OF THE NEW MEN.

in the Grand Parific Hotel it was quiet this morning. Chiefs Arthur and Sargent said that there was nothing new in the situation, so far as the strikers were concerned; but they were still "holding the fort." The strikers are on the payroll of the Brotherhoods of Engineers and Firemen at the full am unts they 2500,000 in the treasury of the engineers and a cor-responding amount in that of the firemen, there is no tanger of any one suffering. Moreover, the organ zareasons why the leaders are all deavering to provide an extension of the strike. As long as all the other members are earning good wages, it will not be difficult to keep the idle men. But should any other roads go out, it would not only lessen the sources of income, but vastly increase the number of men that would have to be paid. Another consideration that as the comjeting lines are in full running order, they can de more harm to the Burlington than if they were at a standstill. The sentiments of the landers in the strike are more peaceable now than at any time since the strike began. S. E. Hodge, chaliman of the General Grievance Committee of the Burling-conditions and westerday that the fight would be

The new men on the Burlington have not yet been paid. The strikers think that after pay day there will be a good many varancies. They have the records of many of the new men, and say that there are a great many of the new men, and say that there are a great many of the new men, and say that there expelled from the Erotberhood. The next pay day will be on April 15, and the strikers expect that a great many of the new men will get drunk and be unable to do their work. For a little time after the strike a Burlington engine at the yards was a novelty. Of late, however, they are be omlig more frequent. The moment an engine rot any of the other loads mosts a Burlington engine he pulls his whistle cord. The continual shricking of the whittle is a signal to other engineers, and soon after the first one starts there is a terrible din which lasts for fully ten minutes or until the Burlington engine leaves the place. In the Lake Shore yards a aug-able thing occurs. It is known that the Lake Shore swichmen macquerade as "scales," and the mot peculiar thing is that they are the worst loss of the Builington men. The moment one of the latter pulls into the yard his engine is surrounded and his cab invaded by the switchmen, who politically offer their hand with the salutation, "How do you do, brother scale?"

Potsville, March 21.—Since President Corbin's reply to a number of St. Clair business men who undertook a final intercession in behalf of the discarded railroad springers, the behalf out engineers and firemen have abandoned all hope of reinstatement and are making strengung afforts to seems applicances. In the News

Des Moines, March 21 (Special).—The fact that Iowa was to present a candidate for the Presidency called out the largest attendance at the Republican State Convention to-day that has been seen in years. It has been emphatically an Allison day. Allison ple tures, Alliaon flags and Allison songs were numerous in the Grand Opera House and an Allison spirit of absointo unanimity and harmony pervaded the convention. and every mention of Senator Allison's name was greeted with prolonged applause. The Republicans of lows seem to realize the opportunity that has come to them and they are determined to present Senator Al-lison to the country with the hearty and united sup-

There was no trace in the convention of any factional feeling, or any disposition to put a feather's weight of opposition upon Senator Allison's candidacy that can embarrass him in the campaign. One thing is settled, and that is that Iowa from river to river is solid and safe for Senator Allison.

The several district conventions were held this morning electing twenty-two delegates and as many alternatos. Some of the most prominent Republicans of the State are in the district delegations. Among them are Senator James F. Wilson, ex-Congressman Thomas Updegraf, ex-Governor John Irvine, General F. M. Drake, and Colonel James T. Kane. Of the delegates-at-large, Colonel Henderson, Mr. Allison's townsman, was elected as his next friend by acclamation. In the ballot for delegate-st-large, J. S. Clarkson, editor of "The Des Moines Register," received the highest number, 350 out of 945. J. P. Dollivar, the chairman of the convention, received the next highest number, and was chosen to represent the young men of lowards of "The Sioux City Journal," was next chosen, completing the list. The convention chose its alternates by acclamation, and ratified the whole with enthusiastic choers.

TION IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 21 (Special).—It has been openly charged for some time that it was the intention of the present city administration to use the police force to further its political projects whenever necessary. The Police Department, which was bad enough under the property of the prope Carter Harrison, has become almost completely de-moralized under the rule of Mayor Roche, and it is asserted that it, present condition is entirely due to politics. Ex-Congressman Davis, the County Treas-tirer, is recognized as the boss in local Republican solitics, and it is he who is credited with the inten-It is said that part of the programme is to nominate Commissioner Swift as Chief of Police as 500n as public sentiment will allow it. Yesterday at the primaries the issue was on the question of nominees for Collector and Supervisor. The machine favored George Bass for Collector and John Dugan for Supervisor. The anti-machine faction favored Frank Gilbert, the present incumbent, for Collector, and A. C. Oldenburg for Supervisor. In the Second Ward, the fight narrowed down to a question of votes. There being no Aldermen to elect, the town judges presided without opposition. In the Sixth Ward, two Aldermen were to be chosen; also delegates to the town convention. The town committee claimed the right is mame the judges, as did also the city committee. Each committee named three men to conduct the election. The town judges were anti-machine. The city judges trained with the machine. The country judges rented the vacant store at No. 3,035 Archerave, and prepared for the election. By some means they got information that an attempt would be made by the police to oust them and install the city judges. On this information, yesterday morning, they procured an injunction directed to Lieutenant shear restraining him from interfering. Porestalled in his purpose to break into the place and drive out the town judges, the blue-coated factotum of the machine, acting as he is said to have declared, upon a "tip" from headquarters, marched ten policemen to the poling place and stationed, them directly at the window. This took place before the opening of the polis. When the balloting began, Charles E. Piper, ca. Supervisor, went to the window to offer his ballot. The machine challenger, Lennen, a bridge tender at the Thirty-fifthett, bridge, anatched it from his hand, tore it up and challenger his vote. James Edgar next effered his vote, when Lennen hocked him down. Lieutenant Shez caught Edgar and helped him off. Piper demanded the arrest of Lennen, and was told by the police that they would not arrest him without a warrant, which

A FORMER BANKER DYING IN PRISON.

the Dansville banker who was sentenced in November to five years' imprisonment for grand larceny. died this morning from pneumonia in the hospital attached to the prison.

SUICIDE OF AN EX-SHERIFF.

PLAINFIELD LOSES A GOOD CITIZEN.

FIRING TWO BULLETS INTO HIS HEAD IN A FIT OF NERVOUS INSANITY-HIS ACCOUNTS ALL RIGHT.
People in Plainfield, N. J., were startled yesterday morning by the news that ex-Assemblyman and ex-Sheriff George M. Stiles had committed suicide by shooting himself at his home No. 29 East Front-st., in that city. On Tuesday night he retired to his bed-room about 10 o'clock. During the night he rose two ness. He again rose at about 4 o'clock, ran when sheris, and entering a ballway leading into the

room in the rear of the store shot himself twice.

His wife sprang from her bed and rushed down stairs, where she found him lying in a pool of blood. She raised him and bathod his head and telephoned to County Physician Westcott, of Scotch Plains, and Drs. E. W. Hedges and I. B. Probasco, who were soon in at-tendance and at once saw that their services would be of no avail, although the wounded man was breathing at the time of their arrival. They remained until he expired at eighteen minutes past 5. The first that had entered the right ear through the lobe and flat-tened against the skull, but the second and fatal shot entered the skull about an inch and a half above the car and passed through the brain, projecting from the ull on the left side nearly opposite the place it had tered. His family physician, Dr. Long, under ose treatment he had been for some time for neryous prostration, did not arrive until after death enbut no inquest will be held, County Physician Westcott having arrived before Mr. Stiles died and certified that the cause of death was shooting during

Union County. He was a prominent and life-long member of the Republican party, and completed a term of office as Sheriff of the county in November last. He had previously represented his district in the State Assembly for three terms and declined the Speakership of that body. He was chairman of many inportant committees in the House, and left a clean political and social record. He was also active in church and

TRIBUNE reporter: "The statements published that Mr. Stiles was in financial troubles is a malicious lie. I office the Board of Freeholders passed his acco cruel statements, as Mr. Stiles was possessed of a prosperous business, considerable real estate and good credit. The only thing which threw any light on his untimely end is contained in a paper found in his desk

Oh, how I have prayed for help for the last year, out one flesh is weak and the struggle too much. Oh, my poor, faithful and devoted wife, and affectionate child, and poor old mother and brother's life saddened. But this awful feeling I cannot resist. I ask John Ulrich, Frederick Glasby, George Parrot, William H. Meeker, and my kind partner, George C. Ford, all of whom are true and tried triends, to arrange my property the best they conscientiously can for my dear family and make all the efforts possible to make their lives, and all my relatives and reconstructed I believe I have no enemy in the world, (if easant as possible. Oh, if I had strength. God forgive. GEORGE M. STILES.

Thank God. I have tried to be honest, and never been permitted to embezzle, or forge, or prostitute office Great sympathy was expressed for his aged mother and his widow, who was preparing to surprise him with a party at his house on Friday, which would have been his forty-third birthday.

NO NEWS FROM JEROME L. HILL. FEW POINTED QUESTIONS TO WHICH THERE ARE

TARIOUS ANSWELS.

Lottimer trusted so implicitly as to make him an unbonded executor of his estate? Has be joined the American exlies in Canada These questions were heard frequently in Wall-st. and at the clubs yesterday. Various answers

were made to them, but strange to say the majority of Wall-st. men inclined to the belief that Mr. Hill was far from "Billy" Moloney's adopted country. "It's absurd." said the head of one well-known firm, who has good reason to be interested in the matter, "to say that Hill has gone away of his own accord. He may say that Hill has gone away of his own accord. He may be in Canada, but if he is, it is because the other trustees wanted him to go. That is apparent. They postponed the suits against Newcombe and the other firms on all sorts of filmsy pretexts. All this time Hill was on hand and willing to testify. They knew they had no case against the brokers, but seemed to think a compromise

the suits brought by the trustees of the Lottimer estate seemed to feel well satisfied with the world yesterday. There was only one cloud to mar their sunshine. This was the persistent refusal of the Chicago and Northwestern Railrond officials to pay the coupons on the debenture bonds that Hill had placed with Messrs. Newcombe & Co.

FATE OF THE MORRIS CANAL.

A BILL PERMITTING A SURRENDER OF ITS CHARTER

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PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY.
Trenton, March 21.—The House spent the whole day
on the bill giving the Morris Canal Company the right
to surrender its charter. In the morning the bill came
up on a motion to strike out the enacting clause. After
several speeches the motion was lost by a vote of 14 to
44. The bill then being open for amendments, the afterneon was taken up in offering them, only, however, to
see every one killed.

The friends of the bill stood firm against any such attempts. Newark and Jersey City are the most interested in the measure, and the delegation from Essex
County stands nine against one for the measure. In the
Hudson delegation seven members are favorable to it and
three are opposing it.

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When the final vote was taken it stood 42 yeas and 16 nays, and the bill now goes to the Governor for his

EXCISE COMMISSIONERS FOUND GUILTY. POUGHREEPSIE, N. Y., March 21 (Special).—The first conviction of a Board of Excise in the State of New-The board simply asked him if he had the necessary accommodations and he replied in the affirmative, and on that they granted his license. It was proven that he kept a saloon with nothing in it indicating that it was a hotel except three or four cots up stairs in a room, and what meals were served were cooked in another building across the street. His stable was a quarter of a mile away. The jury remained out only five minutes, returning with the verdict: "Guilty as indicted." Judge Barnard desied a motion for a stay of proceedings, but let the Commissioners go to their homes on ball, intimating that their sentence will be a fine instead of imprisonment, it being their first offence. Counsel for the Commissioners will appeal to the General Term.

HOLSTEIN- FRIESIAN CATTLE ASSOCIATION. BUFFALO, March 21.—The annual meeting of the dolstein-Friesian Cattle Association of America was Hoistein-Friesian Cattle Association of America was held to-day. The following officers were elected: President, Martin L. Sweet, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; first vice-president, Edgar Huidekoper, of Meadville, Penn.; second vice-president, Eugene Smith, of Nashville, Tenn.; third vice-president, F. L. Houghton of Futney, Vt.; fourth vice-president, W. M. Liggett, of Benson, Minn.; treasurer, W. Brown Smith, of Syracuse, N. Y.; secretary, Thomas B. Wales, of Jowa Cily, luwa; directors, William M. Singerly, of Philadelphia, W. G. Power, of Springbero, Penn., and T. G. Yoemans, of Walworth, N. Y. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in New-York.

A GIFT FROM JOHN D. ROCKEFELLE. A GITTERON JOHN D. ROCKEPELLE.

CLEVELAND, March 21.—For several weeks, friend of the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association have been soliciting funds for a new building and the purchase of a valuable site. Thirty thousand dollar were pledged when John D. Rockefeller, proxident to the Standard Oil Company, wroth from Naw York, that he would subscribe \$25,000. If the pledges to date were doubled. His offer has been accepted.

A TORNADO IN THE SOUTH.

ITS PATH OF DESTRUCTION IN GEORGIA. FORESTS-LIVES LOST IN

ATLANTA, Ga., March 21. - A terrible electric storm enveloped the State last night, beginning about 10 o'clock and lasting until after midnight. In Fairburn, both the colored churches were demolished, courthouse chimney torn off, shade trees uprooted, and other damage done.

Near Austell a house was blown on a negro lacksmith, killing him. Newton Moss's barn was blown down and three horses and a cow killed. show that while it was not so severe, much damage was done. M. A. Loder had his house lifted from the foundation and moved from where it stood.

The Colored Baptist Church was completely olished. Mr. Cyphus, living near Gainesville, one of his children was seriously hurt.

Calhoun suffered most in North Georgia. It was visited by a funnel-shaped cloud, which cut swath seventy-five yards wide through the middle of the town, taking in the Court House and station. The cyclone bounded down on the little town suddenly, and, after doing its work of de-struction, lifted from the earth to strike again, no knows where. Every building in its path was either destroyed or damaged. The screets are full of shingles and debris of roofs. The storm played eccentric pranks, in one instance cutting a house in two and carrying away onehalf. Then it tore down a house around some women and children without harming a hair of their heads. The Baptist Church was demolished The railroad station was badly damaged, and a small house near the station belonging to the Sfate was totally destroyed. Jackson & Logan's lumber stable was badly damaged. C. T. Graves's business house, a frame building, was destroyed, and another wooden building, occupied as an express office, demolished and the goods ruined by rain. The brick store of Mr. tarrell was badly damaged. The front end of Hughey's grocery store was pulled away from the building and the roof of J. M. Neal's grocery store is off and his goods damaged. The roof parapet wall of Rives & Maione's brick store was torn off and the whole outside leans to the street, making the banding worth-less. The wagen and buggy manufactory of M. E.

Jured.

The southern arm of the storm passed eastward through Telefair County, taking everything in its path +00 yards wide. The turpentine works of Whidden & Holland, two miles north of Lamber

path 400 yards wide. The tarpettine works of Whidden & Holland, two miles north of Lamber City, were completely demonshed, the stift, commissary, and every house and shanty being blown away. W. B. Whidden was steeping in the house with Holland, and they rushed out to save themselves, but had only run a few steps when the house was blown over on them and they were killed instantly. Two other men sleeping in another house were also crushed and killed by the house being blown upon them. Several others were wounded and injured. A flat car standing on the railroad was blown off and torn to pieces. General reports come in of houses blown away and fences destroyed. A negro brakeman of the Northeastern train was killed by a falling tree.

The storm seems to have formed in the vicinity of Calhoun and pursued a northeasterly direction through North Georgia and into and beyond East Tennessee, bounding across to the Chilhowes Mountains, and was next heard from near Loudon, Tenn., on the East Tennessee road, eighty miles northeast of Chattanooga, travelling from Calhoun, Ga., to London, Tenn., a distance of 100 miles. In about 30 minutes. The path of the tornado from Calhoun to Loudon was through a section remote from railroads and telegraph lines and the damage if may have done will not be known for some days, but must have been fearful. The tornado in places cleared the ground completely of grass, and a forest of timber was mown as with a great scythe.

The list of seriously wounded men, women and children in Loudon County is very large.

STREAMS OVERFLOWING - RAILROAD TRACKS COVERED-RAIN ACCOMPANIED BY A GALE.

shire County is now suffering from a flood. Rain began falling early this morning and has continued ever since. The mountain streams have overlowed their banks and they are rushing across highways and carrying away small bridges. The great snowdrifts dam up the water on the meadows creating deep ponds which overflow the roads to such a depth that travelling over them is imand the meadows from Pittsfield to Stockbridge are covered to a great depth, the water in some places overflowing the railroad track. The Hoosac rushes through the Adamses with great velocity. The Howland meadows are a lake and the water passes over the Fitchburg Railroad track in several places between North Adams and Troy. The meadows in South Williamstown and New-Ashford are flooded and the water is so deep over the highway that travel is practically suspended. The water is over the Boston and Albany Railroad track between Chatham and Hudson in two or three places, and it is up even with the rails in several places west of Pittsfield. The mercury touched 55 above to-day and more with the rails in several places west of Pittsfield. The mercury touched 55 above to-day and more than half of the three feet of snow which fell during the great storm has disappeared.

Faimouth, March 21.—A storm of great severity raged on the coast to-day. The wind blew a gale from the south west and the rain fell in torrents. Boston, March 21.—The waters of Stony Brook which runs from Hyde Park, to and through the upper portion of this city are swelling rapidity by the quantities of melting snow flowing into it, and it is fast assuming a dangerous aspect. The heavy is fast assuming a dangerous aspect. and the meadows from Pittsfield to Stockbridge

which runs from Hyde Park, to and through the upper portion of this city are swelling rapidly by the quantities of melting snow flowing into it, and it is fast assuming a dangerous aspect. The heavy rain of last night and the warm weather of the last few days have melted the snow in the meadows through which the brook flows, and the result is an alarming increase in the volume and velocity of water.

At Mount Hope, where the dam was erected last year, the brook has overflowed the banks and spread over the adjoining meadows. It is at this point that the residents are apprehensive of their property, as this backwater is making progress toward the small homes of the workingmen. At the point where Hyde Park-ave, crosses the brook, its swift torrent is within a foot of the bridge, and it is only a question of a short time when the brook will be over the road.

The bridge was swept away by the flood of 1886, which also destroyed a large amount of property.

Palmer Mass., March 21.—A severe rainstorm, accompanied by violent winds, has prevailed throughout western Massachusetts since 10 o'clock this morning, inundating meadows for miles and baddy washing the highways. The Quaboag River overflowed its banks and the cellars of tenements in Water-st. have several and the cellars of tenements in water-st. have several and the cellars of tenements in water-st. have several morthern Hallroad ran. was washed away. Passengers were transferred, and the last train over the Southern were transferred, and the last train over the Southern were the hour to-night a report was received that the At a late hour to-night a report was received that the Bridge at South Monson had become unsafe. In consequence the boat train from Palmer to New-London has been discontioned. On the Korthern Division of that road to-night. The tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in the vicinity of North Wilbralam, are washed badly her pad provides and the road arrived here shortly after 5 p. m. At a late hour to-night a report was received that t

LOSS OF LIFE IN EAST TENNESSEE.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 21.—A terrific wind and rain storm swept across East Tennessee last night about midnight, thirty to forty miles west of Knoxville.

Many barns and farm-houses were demolished and farmers have lost considerably in the destruction of pelidings and killing of stock. The storm was severe along the Tennessee River. The house of Joseph Williams, ex-trustee of Loudon County, was blown into the river. Mrs. Williams was instantly killed. Mr. Williams is missing. A few miles distant another dwelling was blown down and a young man named Smith was killed and several other members of the family injured. No other deaths are reported, but many persons were injured.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ON THE COAST. Philadelphia, March 21 (Special).—The storm that began on Monday night and continued with more or less severity all of yesterday and this morning croke tuden the a terrific downpour this evening. The storm was the morning to the storm that the storm that

accompanied with frequent peals of thunder and vival flashes of lightning. At Riverside Ridge-ave, is submerged and the creek that carries the water from inland is a raging torrent. There has already been much destruction and the worst is yet to come. At Manayunk there are many washouts and mill-owners whose places are on the river banks have removed most of the machinery and perishable stock.

Baltimore, March 21.—The first thunder and lightning of the season occurred here this afternoon and continued for an hour. There was heavy rain. The

LIGHTNING STRIKES THE CAPITOL THE ELECTRIC BOLT PARALYZES LEGISLATION FO

A MOMENT-FREAKS OF THE VISITOR. A MOMENT—FIRARS OF THE VISITOR.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (Special).—In the course of an unusually heavy thunder storm this afternoon lightning struck the Capitol. In the House the Eight-hour law was being debated. Mr. Lane was speaking. The galleries were well filled. When the lightning struck the building there was a vivid flash immediately followed by a peal of thunder that seemed to shake the entire Capitol. For an instant the proceedings were stought. Every member started in his to shake the entire Capitol. For an instant the proceedings were stopped. Every member started in his
seat. Some jumped out of their seats, and looked as
if they expected the roof to fall upon them. People
in the galieries hurriedly left their places and crowded
into the corridors. In the press gallery, a ball of fire,
as big as a man's two fists, flashed on the switchboard, and all wires except one were cut off.

In the Senate the lightning played among the wires
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In the rotunda the people who were gathered there made a rush for the doors. The sound on the massive iron dome was terrific in its effect. In front of the western entrance to the Capitol, a horse attached to a cab was knocked down. In the sub-basement of the Senate, an engineer was thrown from his chair. In the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Senator Butier and Colonel Canaday were conversing when a portion of the lightning fluid passed between them and disappeared along the floor. The telegraph instruments in the Senate belonging to the Press Association were destroyed, and rendered useless for the afternoon. The only wires remaining uninjured were those which connect the Capitol with the different Departments and the Executive Mansion, and which are placed underground.

A GALE WITH SNOW IN THE NORTHWEST. LOSS OF LIFE FEARED - A PASSE GER THAIN BLOCK D-LOGGING POADS IMPASSABLE.

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St. Vincent, Minn. March 21.—The worst storm of the winter set in yesterday afternoon and farmers who were in town were obliged to remain over night. Roads are blocked.

Hothrook, A. T., March 21—Snow began falling Monday night and continued vesterlay. The wind is from the southwest and has drifted the snow beily along the roads and the track of the Southern Pacific.

Winslow, A. T., March 20.—With a high wind from the southwest, snow began falling last night and is the deepest of the year. The wind blow a hurricane for several hours.

RAIN IN MIDDLE AND WESTERN STATES. THE RIVERS, LARGE AND SMALL, RISING RAPIDLY - LOWLANDS INUNDATED.

Easton, Penn., March 21 (Special).-Rain has for eighteen hours, though not heavily. Reports from the country show that small streams are over their banks in all directions, that the country roads are flooded in many places and water backed up by snow drifts. Low lands are flooded, and every indication points to high water in the Lehigh and Dela ware Rivers. Both seconds have risen several feet to-day. Some of the railroads report their tracks under water in places, owing to the water courses

bridge, and in the afternoon it began to move down
the river. When the floe reached the Meadest bridge
about forty rods wide and from fifteen to twenty feet
high. The gorge having formed a perfect dam, the
river soon forced its way over the adjoining dock
property, and in less than an hour the land next to
the river was submerged.

Poplar River, Mont., March 21.—The Missouri River
broke yesterday. Ice dams formed, the river overflowed its banks, and the whole river bottom, which
includes millions of acres of land is inundated for over
100 miles. There will be a great loss of cattle. The
bridges on the Manitoba rallroad are all right. Setters
living in the bottom lands have gone to the hills. The
water is the highest ever known in this vicinity.
Troy, N. Y. March 21.—The loe in Wynant's Kill
moved this afternoon, carrying away two dams and
doing several thousand dollars' worth of damage.

over this region about 7:30 o'clock this morning, doing great damage to the telegraphic service. Poles are reported down in all directions and the wires are working badly. The wind was accompanied by a heavy

rain.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 21.—One of the flercest gales ever experienced here raged for about a quarter of an hour, at 7 o'clock this morning. Several houses were uncoofed. Many persons were blown off their foet on the street. No serious casualties are reported.

HAS SHE RUN OFF TO A CONVENT STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF A RELIGIOUSLY IN-

CLINED YOUNG GIRL The disappearance of Beatrice Allison, age eighteen, from her home at No. 81 East Tenth-st. was reported at Police Headquarters last evening by two brothers. Mrs. Allison is a widow. Her hus She came to this city from Canada several years ago. Beatrice was sent to the school at St. Vincent's Convent, Halifax, when she was eleven years old, and remained there until about five months ago, when she came here to live with her mother. She tried to be contented here, but evidently had a many years. She was ususually religious, and her

many years. She was unusually religious, and her conversation was upon sacred subjects principally. She had no interest in social life and when she went out it was usually to go to church.

On Tuesday morning she left home at 10 o'clock and went to the laundry at No. 55 East Ninth-st. She hurried from there in the direction of Broadway. No hing has been heard from her since. Mrs. No hing has been heard from her since. Mrs. Allison is unable to account for her daughter's daappearance. Mrs. Gebhard, who lives with Mrs. Allison, is of the oginion that B atrice has gone to a convent somewhere near the city, or perhaps has started for her old school at Halfax. He rice has been heard to wish many times that the cound devote her life to some religious purpose, and it is supposed by her friends that she became tired of her quiet life at 10me.

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The police have endeavored to unravel the mystery, but have not met with any success. They are inclined to the belief that she wandered away during a temporary aleriation of mind and may have jumped into the river. An alaim will be sent out to day. The missing girl had on a gray dress, sell plush sacque, black hat with ostrich rather, tan kd goves and a heavy gold brooch. She is of sight build, has small leatures, blue eyes and brown hair. Her nam: was in a prajer-book she took with her, and the marks "K. M. Love."

RESIGNATION OF RICHARD NEVINS. PHYSBURG, March 21 (Special).—Richard Nevins said to-day that by request he had resigned the position of superintendent of construction of the new Government building in this city. For some time, prominent Democrats here have been urging the President to remove Nevins. They claimed that there was unremove Nevins. They, claimed that there was unnecessary delay in the construction of the new custom house and post office, while Nevins's friends say that his removal was urged for such reasons as refusing to put certain laborers on the pay rolls as mechanics. Nevins is a son of Colonel Nevins, a prominent Ohio Democrat, who was long public printer of that State. The son also bears the title of Colonel, having served on the staff of Governor Hoadly, of Ohio. To-day he refused either to deny or to affirm a report that he is to receive a Government position in the West. It is said that A. Y. Lee will succeed Nevins here. Lee was a classmate of Thompson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Congressman W. L. Scott was charged with assisting in the fight against Nevins.

THE POLICE SUSPECT MURDER Frederick Fuerbach, of No. 211 Waverley place, went to the Charles Street Pulice Station at 2:15 o'clock this morning and reported that Elizabeth Woife, age twenty-eight, living in the same house, had committed suicide. The police found a bullet wound in her head and finger marks on her threat.

DR. M'COSH'S LIBRARY MERTING.

NO NEWS FROM J. W. TATE

THE EMPTY TREASURY OF KENTUCKY.

CAUSE OF THE DEPALCATION-DEMOCRATS NOT

that he has found as a result of his investigation that he has found as a result of his investigation that on March 17, 1887—just a year ago, Saturday—Treasurer Tate had in bank money to meet every voucher, and could have squared accounts with the State that day to a cent, but the auditor does on for years, and that Tate has been bridgi sums to make his books square. Among the missing Treasurer's assets are said to be \$75,000 of due bills from friends for money loaned, most of which is good; 600 barrels of old whiskey in Louisville, whose value is estimated at \$50,000, and \$25,000 in bank at Frankfort. The latter has the vault in State House. Late this afterno a certificate of deposit representing \$10,000 was discovered among Tate's private papers. It will reduce the deficit that much, and Auditor Hewits

under his estimate of \$200,000.

The unbusinesslike state of affairs which the investigation shows has existed for years in the Treasurer's office now absorbs a considerable portion of the public attention. Many people say that Auditor Hewitt has been derelict in his duty, because he did not count the money every month holding that the statutes require this. When asker never so interpreted the statutes. Nor, so far se he has been able to learn has any one preceding him. The statute reads: And the auditor shall shown by the books of the Treasurer.

Auditor Howitt stated to a reporter this morning that he had worked almost three entire nights on Treasurer Tate's books, and found that the shortage would fall under \$200,000 but above \$190,000.

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The political effect of the defalcation is discussed on all sides. While the Republicans exult, the Democrats point to the splendid record Governor Buckner has made, and his prompt action upon the first intimation that all was not right, in pushing an investigation which had already been demanded by the party in the Legislature. There is a disposition in the Assembly to go to the bottom of the matter and to shield no one. The idea is to have the matter of who has borrowed the State's money and turned the treasury into a banking convenience exposed promptly to the fullest, leaving off no name however prominent. The State wants to know where her money has gone, and the Assembly intends to gratify this curiosity. This is causing unhappiness in certain high rudicial circles, it is said, but nevertheless it must come.

State Central Committee, which met to-day, depided to hold the State Convention at Dayton on May 15 and 16. The Republican convention is to be at the same place on April 15 and 19. A meeting of

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RAILROAD INTERESTS.

GOOD SHOWING OF A WESTERN ROAD.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Louisville, New-Albany and Chicago Railway Company,
which was adjourned on March 14. was held here yesterday. President William Dowd's report for 1887
showed gross earnings of \$2,295,024, an increase
over the previous year of \$156,134; the operating expenses were \$1,489,690, making net earnings of
\$805,925, a gain of \$165,284 or 25.8 per cent. The
total fixed charges were \$803,456, leaving a surplus of
\$2,469, against a deficit in 1886 of \$265,626. The
physical condition of the property was improved by
large expenditures for stool rails, renewais and repairs and new equipment. The rental to the Chicago
and Westeln Indians Railroad has been further
slightly reduced by the operation of the Sinking Fund.
The net earnings (\$805,925) for 1887 compare with
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The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: John J. Astor. Samuel Sloan, R. G. Roiston, James Roosevell, Willam Dowl. Elibu Root, James D. Smith, H. H. Cook and Richard King, of New-York; Robert R. Hitt, C. R. Cummings and John B. Carson, of Illinois, and J. M. Fetter, of Kentucky. The board re-elected William Dowd president, John B. Carson vice-president and general manager, W. H. Lewis see vice-president and general manager, W. H. Lewis see vice-president and general manager, W. H. Lewis see

THE MISSOURI PACIFIC DIVIDEND.

The rumors in Wall Street regarding the dividend prospects of the Missouri Pacific Railway became ugiter yesterday, and the severe break in the stock in the afternoon created a general belief that the dividend would be passed for this quarter. To-day is the date of the adjourned meeting of the board of directors, but Jay Gould, the president, will not be in the city. It is possible that the meeting will take no action, although the directors here would not admit that such would be the result. George J. Gould is opposed to the payment of any dividend at present, and he is alleged to have "converted" his father to his views. All of the others directors claim 10 be in favor of making some declaration. Russell Sage said yesterday that Jay Gould might be home by Saturday, but he did not care to prognosticate the outscome of to-day's meeting.

FROM THE COAL REGIONS TO NEW-ENGLAND. THE MISSOURI PACIFIC DIVIDEND.

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Philadelphia, March 31 (Special).—Prominent rails road men said to-day that the recent purchase by a syndicate of capitalists from this city and the interior of the State, of the Lehigh and Eastern Railroad, was part of a scheme for a direct route from the coal and lumber regions of Pennsylvania to Boston and Central New-England by way of the new Poughkeepsie Bridge, and that, the syndicate will construct a railroad from Sunbury, Northampton County, eastward across the country, and then southward to Hasteon, from which point it will enter the Delaware Valley at Stroudsburg. It will proceed thence up the valley to Post Jervis, a distance of 120 miles. The purchase was hastened by the recent purchase by State Senator H. B. Low, of Middletown, N. Y., and other New York capitaliats, of the Port Jervis and Monticello Railroad, and the formation by them of the Poughkeepsie and Delaware Valley, Railroad Company. FROM THE COAL REGIONS TO NEW-ENGLAND.

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Soventy-five veterans of Steinwehr Post, No. 10%, G. A. R., attended the regular post meeting last evening in Beethoven Hall, Firth-st., to be present at the discussion of the recent trouble between the sub-committee of the Grand Army Memorial Committee, of which their commander, Coroner Levy, was chairman and apokesman and Mayor Hewitt, on the subject of the Saxton bill Among those present were Colonel George W. Travers Major Constantine Nitroche, Major Otto Von Borrica, Captain Jastrow Alexander, Dr. Herman Loewenthal, Lieutenant U. H. Traitteur, Captain John Lammara, Majo Robert Creamer, Captain Julius F. Clecher and Captain Charles Luppian. Resolutions were passed in recard a the call on the Mayor, heartily indoreing the committee, "admirable demeanor and manly and dignified repty to the Mayor." The resolutions also thank the Assembly and Senate for the practically unsuimous passage of the Saxton bill without the amendment. Resolutions in dorsing the Per Diem Service Pension bill new before Congress were passed unsuinously.

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